



Man Dies In Crash

Funeral services were held Tuesday for a 35-year-old Douglas Aircraft co. employee who died three hours after his car went out of control late Thursday afternoon. The car sheared off a telephone pole on Sepulveda blvd. near Madrona avenue.

Dead is Richard Michael Gallella of 22602 Anza ave., who died in Harbor General Hospital.

Gallella's car, after overtaking another car, swerved sharply to the right to avoid oncoming traffic, continued along the shoulder of the road and then, out of control, sped diagonally across the street crashing into a phone pole, according to witnesses and police reports.

The car was listed as a total loss.

Gallella is survived by his widow, Bernice; a brother, Frank, of Hawthorne; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Gallella of Boston, Mass.

Gallella, a native of Boston, had lived in Torrance about 15 months. He was a member of the Torrance Elks Lodge and St. Catherine Labourer church.

JOHN WILEY JONES FIRM TO MOVE

John Wiley Jones Chemical company officials assured the Torrance Council that everything was being done to move the chlorine transfer operation by the end of this month.

The firm was given two years' time a year ago to accomplish this. In recent weeks a number of violations were again brought to the attention of the Council.

"There has been some negligence in the past," Fire Chief J. Benner stated Tuesday night, "but the plant is in good condition at present."

Despite the fact that a tank car on the outside of the plant remains connected to it by means of pipes at night, no gas is contained in those lines overnight, company officials told the Council.

There had existed a misconception in regard to this point, they said.

Expansion Of Hospital Initiated

Initial step toward the expansion of Harbor General hospital, Torrance, was taken by County Supervisor Burton W. Chance today to secure clear title to the 76 acre site from the Federal government.

Chance indicated that a seven year improvement program for the facility includes construction of larger and modern maternity wards, a half-million dollar out-patient clinic, and a

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LATE NEWS

YMCA DRIVE: The present YMCA fund raising campaign received the unanimous endorsement of the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

RECREATION FUNDS: The Board of Education postponed any decision on increasing the recreation budget till a full board was present. The matter is expected to come up at the next meeting.

OFF DOUBLE SESSION: Seaside school, which has been on double session for 1 1/2 years, went off double sessions this week as the result of an addition.

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EDUCATORS RAISE \$4240 FOR CHARITY

Anxious to contribute to the welfare of this community, members of the Torrance Educational association raised \$4240 within three months for local fund-raising campaigns.

The money, collected from local teachers and administrators, was distributed as follows:

YMCA, \$566.27; Red Cross, \$267.03; Dental Health, \$599.77; Community Chest, \$1130.84; Torrance Memorial hospital, \$1668.63; and California Teachers' Welfare, \$48.

Results of the fund-raising drive were presented to the Board of Education Tuesday night who had high praise for the drive.

Members of the educational association were asked to contribute \$15 each toward the campaign.

An unusual version of a donut sale called for the selling of all the donuts "or else." The "or else" meant that the individuals selling donuts would have to eat (and apparently buy) all the donuts they didn't sell.

Members of the Charity Committee included Bill Clemenger, James Willems, John Harryman and Dick Hubert. Chairman of the committee was John W. Strom.

RABIES ORDINANCE READY IN 2 WEEKS FOR COUNCIL STUDY

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I'LL TAKE TWO: Norma Quine, 18-year-old UCLA coed and Miss Torrance of 1954-55, was a "soft touch" when Cub Scouts Kent Hiner, left, of 4011 West 174th Street, and Paul Romero of 17123 South Prairie avenue, knocked at the door of her home at 1806 Esplanade, selling tickets to the annual Scout-O-Rama in the Los Angeles Coliseum, June 3 and 4. Proceeds go toward local Scouting activities, explained the two young Cubs from Perry elementary school Pack 953-C.

1ST ROUND OF POLIO SHOTS END TODAY

Polio shots were resumed again this week Monday, according to Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer. Resumption of the program was approved by the State Department of Public Health after federal health authorities gave their OK to the Parke-Davis polio vaccine late Friday.

The Parke-Davis vaccine is being used for Torrance children.

The first round of polio shots will be completed today in Torrance with the second round starting May 23.

A total of 4591 children had already been vaccinated. Those receiving the new vaccine total 5061, according to Dr. Kogan.

Children at the following schools received shots this week:

Monday — Wood, Meadow Park;
Tuesday — Walteria, Torrance elementary;

SIGNAL INSTALLED

Traffic signals which he had installed at the Redondo Beach boulevard entrance to Alondra Park in cooperation with Torrance City Councilman Nicholas Drale have now been put in operation, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported this week.

Signals were installed to provide

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So Glad With Her Ad In The Press

Swamped with work—and she loves it!

That's Mrs. Robert Sanchez' story after placing a classified ad in the Torrance Press one Thursday.

Mrs. Sanchez, who lives at 934 East Sepulveda, was looking for housework by the hour. She placed the following ad in the Torrance Press:

WILL DO HOUSEWORK by the hour, 3 days a week. T.E. 5-1040

She had such terrific results that she cancelled her ad for the following week.

Call FA. 8-2345 and let us help you place an inexpensive Press classified ad in Thursday's paper. A friendly classified salesgirl will help you word your ad just right and keep the cost down to a minimum.

Torrance, P. V. Pave Way For Annexation

Annexation of Great Lakes holdings in the Rolling Hills area to Torrance looked as if it would have smooth sailing from now on in the light of two developments this week and last week.

1. Palos Verdes City Council dropped its intention to block the annexation last week.

2. The Torrance City Council Tuesday night approved a new resolution to annex the territory by way of the original uninhabited method.

Public Hearing

June 28 at 8 p.m. has been set for a public hearing on the annexation before the Torrance City Council and it is generally considered that the Council will take final action on or about that time.

A number of changes have been made and a few compromises reached since the annexation issue first aroused public notice.

1000 Acres Less

The new boundary lines have eliminated about 1000 acres, thus bringing the area to be annexed down to about 5500 acres, according to a Great Lakes spokesman.

The Palos Verdes Estates move came last week after letters were read from the Great Lakes Carbon corp., owners of most of the land in the annexations, and the various developing companies, pledging four things:

- (1) The firms would support no move for a freeway or other major artery through the peninsula but would do everything possible to bring about the relocation of Hawthorne Ave.
- (2) The first two lots adjacent to the city of Palos Verdes Estates would have 9000-square-foot minimums and the homes are to sell for not less than \$17,500.
- (3) All streets could be barricaded by Palos Verdes Estates except three on the south and two on the east.
- (4) All schools in the Torrance annexation area would be part of the Torrance school system.

Local School Budget Nears \$5 Million

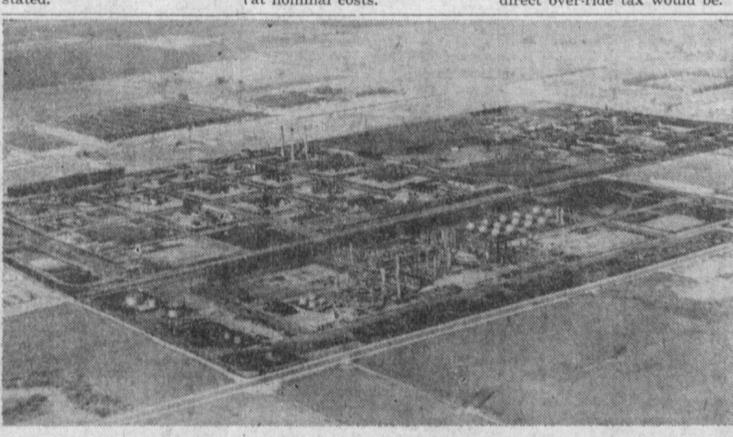
The school budget for the coming year (1955-56) will be approximately \$4,750,000, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Board of Education Tuesday night.

To indicate how the school district has grown, Dr. Hull compared this figure with the first school budget seven years ago which totaled \$450,000.

The present budget represents a 10-fold increase. Since that time, the student population has jumped from 2000 to 15,000.

Teacher salaries have also increased from a \$2400 minimum seven years ago to the present \$3895 minimum. The state minimum is \$3400.

"Most of the expenditures go for teacher salaries," Dr. Hull stated.



FROM THE AIR the neat and functional layout of the Shell Chemical corporations Synthetic rubber plant at 19821 South Figueroa can be seen. In the foreground is the butadiene unit. In the left background is the styrene unit, and the copolymer unit is in the right background.

Letters Request Council Action

BY RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Study of a compulsory rabies vaccination ordinance for dogs was ordered by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night. The motion to have such an ordinance drafted for council consideration was made by Councilman Victor Benstead and seconded by Councilman Nick Drale.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

DINNER MEETING: The Torrance City Council will ask the Palos Verdes City Council to be their guest to "discuss mutual problems" and as a good-will gesture.

HELP NEEDED: Because City Manager George Stevens' work and responsibilities are constantly increasing, steps will be taken to provide him with an assistant. Councilman Willys Blount made the recommendation.

TRASH CANS: About 10 more trash cans are needed in downtown Torrance, City Manager George Stevens told the Council. Bids will be called for. At present there are 17 trash cans stationed throughout downtown.

SCHOOL SITES: Two civic groups, Walteria Civic association and the Pacific Hills Home Owners, went on record favoring that cost of new school sites be borne by the subdividers and not the school district.

OFF-STREET PARKING: A recommendation to make a parking lot out of El Prado park while preserving the trees and the grass around the perimeter will be studied next Tuesday. The proposal comes from the Retail Merchants association.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE: The Council will try to offer an alternate site in exchange for the proposed one at Engracia and Cravens to the State Department of Employment. The Council wishes to trade sites but not to pay any additional money. It does not wish to provide a site in the civic center for this purpose. The Engracia site is desired for off-street parking purposes.

DOG MAJOR CARRIERS

The disease may occur in any warm-blooded animal but occurs chiefly in dogs. In 1953 there were 170 cases of animal rabies in the entire state of which 154 were dogs.

HOW ADMINISTERED

Immunization would be required before granting the dog license. The Southern California Veterinary Medical Association has volunteered to carry out the immunization without charge to the city or dog owners. The city would provide the vaccine. All dogs picked up by the pound and not vaccinated would be immunized before release to owners.

Book Youth For Burglary, Auto Thefts

Neither the first two times nor the third time proved to be a charm for a 19-year-old Lomita youth, who was arrested Sunday for allegedly trying to steal three cars from three different Lomita residents.

Booked on charges of burglary and grand theft was Delbert F. Keller of 25045 Eshelman, according to Lennox sheriffs.

Keller was caught by William L. Bruster of 26211 Oak street, Lomita, first victim of the attempted burglary.

Sam R. Dugan of 26123 Oak street noticed Keller entering

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Shell Corporation Latest Local Chemical Industry

Chemical Progress Week gains added significance by Shell Chemical corporation for more than \$30 million. This year in Torrance with the recent purchase of the Federal Government's 12-year-old synthetic rubber plant.

The week, being observed May 16-21, emphasizes the many important contributions to our economy by one of the nation's most dynamic industries, according to Maarten Voogd, industry spokesman and manager of the Shell synthetic rubber plants.

"Few people realize," Voogd said, "that during the past 25 years, and particularly in the past decade, the chemical industry has emerged from a fringe status to a full-fledged basic industry accounting for nearly \$20-billion worth of chemical products."

40 Plants

In Southern California the chemical industry is represented by more than 40 manufacturing plants, most of which are located in Los Angeles and Orange counties. The industry's wide variety of raw materials and finished products represents

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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HONORED

Torrance's chemical industry joins the chemical industry throughout the country May 16 to 21 in celebration of Chemical Progress Week.

Chemical industries in the Torrance area include Dow Chemical and Carbide and Carbon Chemicals company (division of Union Carbide and Carbon corporation), producers of plastics; Stauffer Chemical company and General Petroleum, soil and crop preservation products; and Shell Chemical corporation, synthetic rubber.

Thousands of Torrance residents are employed by these firms.